Employment generation in fisheries sector

3360. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fisheries sector in Orissa has good potential for employment generation;

(b) whether the Centre has extended any financial or physical help to this State to develop this sector to improve its economy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the last three years (2002-03 to 2004-05), the State Government of Orissa was provided central assistance of Rs. 1094.10 lakh for development of fisheries in the State under ongoing Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Government.

Livestock

†3361. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise/state-wise/Union Territory-wise total number of livestock in the country alongwith race-wise and year-wise details for the last three years in this regard;

(b) whether Government are aware that more than the authorized number of cattle, conceived cattle, milch cattle and looted/stolen livestock are being bought/slaughtered in the legally/illegally run slaughter houses, the reasons for not taking action on these slaughter houses; and

(c) whether Government will put a ban on export of meat keeping in view the shortage of livestock in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Livestock Census is conducted once in five years. The details of district-wise/state-wise/Union Territory-wise total number of livestock of various races in the country as per Livestock Census 2003 are placed at Annexure-I. [*see* Appendix 206 Annexure No. 16]

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.